



Getting Ready for Winter Weather

Recently, Transportation Director Dave Berg briefed the City Council on how staff prepare for severe weather such as snow, ice, flooding and windstorms. He also encouraged members of the public to get their homes and vehicles ready now for winter weather.

The Transportation Department takes the lead during snow and ice storms, but works with other city staff and shares resources with the Utilities, Parks & Community Services, and Civic Services departments for a coordinated response. Top priorities are keeping people safe, protecting property and maintaining or restoring mobility.

Responding to snow and ice can be challenging in Bellevue, where elevations vary from near sea level to over 1,400 feet in the hills south of Interstate 90. The city's fleet of seven four-by-four vehicles and eight larger, five-yard trucks is usually sufficient to plow snow at higher elevations.

For a citywide storm, however, higher priority routes used by emergency vehicles would take precedence over streets in residential



neighborhoods. The focus is always to do the most good for the most people.

Bellevue uses various [social media channels](#) and its website to inform the public during storms and other emergencies. Visit the [city home page](#) for updated information during a storm, or sign up for email notifications on the [Extreme Weather Response page](#) where there are links to [emergency preparedness pages](#) on a range of topics. A [Snow Response Priorities map](#) shows which city streets get prioritized for snow plowing.





Bellevue Magic Season

Magic Season began its 20th season in November. Visitors to Bellevue's annual holiday festival should anticipate increased traffic downtown as people surge into the area to take part in the fun.

Nightly performances at the popular Snowflake Lane will require the closure of Bellevue Way, from Northeast Fourth Street to Northeast Eighth Street, 6:45-7:45pm., from Nov. 25 through Dec. 24. However, access to the Bellevue Arts Museum will be maintained for northbound traffic on Bellevue Way.

Other Magic Season activities include:

- Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden;
- The Magic Season Ice Arena (this year at Ashwood Park, next to the Bellevue Library downtown), presented by Alaska Airlines Visa Signature card;
- Celebration Lane (Dec. 26-31) and Holiday productions at the Meydenbauer Center Theatre.

More information is available at the Magic Season website www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/magic-season/overview



Cultural Conversations Focuses on "Redefining 'We'"

Tuesday December 6, 1-2:30pm.

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St

Cultural Conversations, Bellevue's women's conversation group, which was launched in 2010 to increase cultural understanding and connection, will explore the topic of embracing similarities and celebrating difference through photographic images depicting community, roles and traditions at their meeting this month.

The "Redefining 'We'" photography exhibition, which has been featured at City Hall during the month of November, features black-and-white photographs of non-Muslim and Muslim women and girls. It provides an opportunity for viewers to reexamine religious and social boundaries in our communities and continues the conversation about what it takes to cross these boundaries. Courtney Christenson, curator of the exhibition and graduate student at Northwest University in Kirkland, seeks to create a sense of solidarity and facilitate meaningful dialogue and decrease

islamophobia in America. Courtney will share the events that inspired her to do this work and gather photographers from all over the country to partner in this project.

Along with table discussion, several photographers who are regularly part of Cultural Conversations who have captured cultural images abroad, in the community, and in table discussions will share what they've learned about their subjects and about themselves as they focus through the lens. Please join us for tea and connect with women in your community

The events are free, refreshments are served, and women of all ages, faiths, and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, we encourage you to make arrangements for childcare. Please RSVP to Barb Tuininga at btuininga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2800.





Volunteer Resource Guide

Have you thought about volunteering in the community but don't know where to plug in? The City of Bellevue just published a new resource guide to help you find the right volunteer opportunity for you.

The Volunteer Resource Guide is hot off the press with the most up-to-date contact information for over 60 eastside

agencies that need volunteers. Whether you are looking for individual or group involvement, the guide can get you started. Over 60 agencies are listed with opportunities in categories including: Aging Adults, Arts, Environment, Health, Serving the Underserved, Youth, Education, and more.

To access the guide on the City website: www.bellevuewa.gov/volunteering.htm or for a printed copy, contact Julie Ellenhorn at or 425-452-5372.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program Updates

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is a city-funded, capital improvements program that empowers residents to propose and select moderate projects that improve the quality of life and enhance the character of Bellevue's neighborhoods. The program rotates citywide through 14 NEP Neighborhood Areas over the course of seven years (2015-2022), serving two areas each year. To find out which NEP Neighborhood Area you call home, when NEP will be in your area, and how you can participate in the program, please visit <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm>.

Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Neighborhood Area

The Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP process finished strong with over 650 returned ballots! The winning projects are the Lakemont Boulevard SE Path, which received 429 points, and the Wetland Buffer Enhancement at Lewis Creek Park, which received 246 points. A detailed newsletter with more information about the voting process and results will be mailed to each household in the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Neighborhood Area at the beginning of December. The newsletter will also include a program evaluation form, which we encourage everyone to complete and return, as your feedback is critical to improving our outreach and planning efforts. The newsletter and evaluation form will also be available on the NEP website. We thank everyone in Cougar Mountain and Lakemont who participated in NEP!

West Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Area

The West Lake Sammamish NEP process continues to move forward, with the project request phase coming to a close on December 1, 2016. The NEP team will work diligently over the following two months to assess the accessibility, feasibility, cost and maintainability of each request and determine if it is eligible for NEP. In early February 2017, we will host the West Lake Sammamish NEP Project Open House, which will give residents an opportunity to review and comment on each of the projects proposed for the NEP ballot. The meeting will provide a brief overview of the feedback that was received during the solicitation of project ideas, information on the next steps of the process, visuals that describe and demonstrate each project proposed for the ballot, and the opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed projects. If you are not able to attend the open house, we will have the project materials available to review on the NEP website (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm>) the week of the meeting. Please keep an eye on your mail, Neighborhood News, Nextdoor and the NEP website for more details about the February open house.

For more information about the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, please visit the website or contact the NEP Coordinator, Emily Kish at ekish@bellevuewa.gov.



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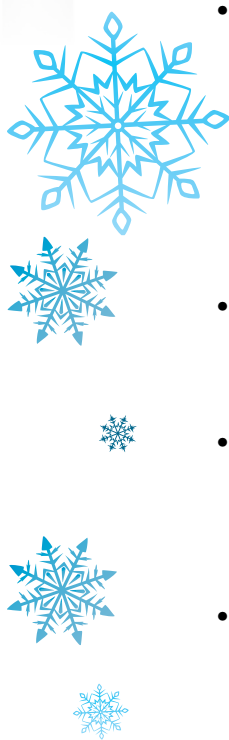
Traffic Corner

Construction Projects Update:

Construction continues in December for many projects. We apologize for any traffic delays that you encounter as we continue to improve Bellevue's roadways.

The following project locations serve a high volume of traffic. For updates, watch for electronic message boards, which will post road closures seven days in advance. If possible, **use an alternate route** on the dates and times provided below:

Lane or full road closures:

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- Several blue snowflake graphics of varying sizes are scattered on the left side of the page.
- **Northup Way Connection to SR 520 Trail:** Sidewalks, bike lanes and intersection work continues on Northup Way from 116th Avenue NE to NE 24th Street. Expect impacts in both intersections until the end of December, Monday through Friday, 7am-4pm.
 - **120th Avenue NE, Stage 2:** NE 8th St to NE 12th St: Work has resumed with excavation taking place until the holiday break.
 - **120th Avenue NE, Stage 3:** NE 12th St to NE 16th St: To build a five-lane roadway with bike lanes, the road is closed between the 1400 block and 1600 block until April 2017.
 - **148th Avenue: Main St to SE 8th St:** Traffic signal work will occur through mid-December. Possible lane closures at these intersections.

Construction impacts related to East Link light rail:

- **110th Ave NE from Main St/112th Ave SE to 110th Ave NE/NE 6th St:** On-going. Tunnel monitoring equipment installation along the alignment through late 2016. Lane closures along Main St and 110th Ave NE. Traffic control set up will change day to day as the work progresses from south to the north.
- **Main St/& 112th Ave:** On-going. Expect intermittent lane and sidewalk closures for installation of temporary sound wall.
- **NE 2nd Pl from 110th Ave NE to 111th Ave NE:** On-going through 2018 (minimum two-year closure) to allow use of the right of way as a staging area for Sound Transit (24-hour construction line: 888-398-5465).

Please note: This list does not include the current lane closures due to private development projects being constructed in downtown Bellevue. For information about those projects, please refer to: www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Development%20Services/lu_MajorProjects.pdf

Construction Information Tools:

To stay up-to-date about where construction has lane or full road closures, please use the following information tools:

Electronic Message boards: Gives dates or times of upcoming lane or road closures.

- Real-time Traffic Map & Cameras: www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap
- Traffic Advisories webpage: www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- Capital Project (Interactive) Map: www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm
- Sign up for email alerts on project webpages: www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation.htm



December Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)

12/1 Environmental Services Commission

(6:30 p.m., Robinswood House, 2430 148th Ave SE)
Environmental Services Commission Annual Retreat
http://bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

12/5 City Council (6:00 p.m. Study Session, Council Conference Room 1E-113) Economic Development: Destination Development Plan, Vision Zero Comprehensive Plan Amendment

(8:00p.m. Regular Session, Council Chambers 1E-126)
Adoption of 2017-2018 Operating Budget and 2017-2023 Capital Improvement Plan
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/6 East Bellevue Community Council

(6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Club House, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Final Hearing on Low Impact Development Principles; Final Hearing on Marijuana Regulations
<http://bellevuewa.gov/ebcc.htm>

12/6 Arts Commission (4:30 p.m., 1E-109)

2017 Grant Allocations, 2017 Work Plan, Public Art Guidelines
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

12/7 Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113)

Downtown Livability Code Amendments; Eastgate-Scrivener's Error Corrections
http://bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

12/8 Transportation Commission

(6:30 p.m., 1E-113) East Link Construction Update, Multimodal Level-of-Service
http://bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

12/8 Special Events Committee (8:30 a.m., 1E-112)

Holiday Events, 2017 Events
http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

12/12 City Council (6:00 p.m. Study Session, Council Conference Room 1E-113)

Eastlink Update, Affordable Housing Draft Strategy

(8:00p.m. Regular Session, Council Chambers 1E-126) Final Council Meeting of 2016

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/14 Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113)

Downtown Livability Code Amendments; Status Report-Single Family Room Rental Code Enforcement
http://bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, please visit our website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm> or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov





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